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SUBJECT: FURTHER CYPRIOT REACTION TO MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETING

1. GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY'S REACTION TO MAKARIOS-DENKTASH  
MEETINGS SHIFTED FROM RESERVE TO RESTRAINED OPTIMISM OVER WEEK-  
END. SUBJECT REMAINED MAJOR NEWS STORY WITH SPECULATIVE REPORT-  
ING OF PLANS FOR FURTHER MEETINGS, PROSPECTS OF SIGNIFICANT  
PROGRESS, ALLEGED EXPRESSIONS OF SATISFACTION BY GREEK AND TURKISH  
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FOREIGN MINISTERS. EDIORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN LARGELY FAVORABLE  
WITH GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT MEETING WAS "USEFUL," GREEK CYPRIOT  
OPTIMISM IS JUSTIFIED WITHIN LIMITS, MAKRIOS HAS ACTED  
CORRECTLY AND DESERVES SUPPORT OF ENTIRE COMMUNITY. WHILE COM-  
MUNIST PRESS HAS STOOD SOMEWHAT ASIDE FROM THESE AFFIRMATIONS,  
PRO-LYSSARIDES PAPERS HAVE BEEN OPPOSED, URVING EXTREME  
CAUTION, EMPHASIZING THAT EXPULSIONS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS

HAVE RESUMED, AND POINTEDLY FAILING TO SEE ANY CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM IN TURKISH CLAIMS OF 32.8 PERCENT OF THE ISLAND'S TERRITORY.

2. TURKISH CYPRIOT REACTION TO MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETING CONTINUES TO BE GENERALLY FAVORABLE, THOUGH THERE IS SKEPTICISM ABOUT MAKARIOS' INTENTIONS AND INCREASING CONCERN ABOUT CONCESSIONS TURKS MAY BE CALLED ON TO MAKE. TURKISH CYPRIOT REFUGEE COMMITTEE CALLED ON DENKTASH 30 JANUARY TO EXPRESS OPPOSITION TO SETTLEMENT WHICH WOULD THREATEN TURKISH SECURITY OR FORCE TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO BECOME REFUGEES ONCE AGAIN. (IN RESPONSE, DENKTASH ASSURED GROUP THAT WITH OR WITHOUT A SETTLEMENT TURKISH COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE ITS OWN SEPARATE REGION AND ADMINISTRATION GUARANTEED BY TURKEY.) UNIDENTIFIED TURK CYPRIOTS ARE ALSO QUOTED IN PRESS AS FEARING THAT MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETING MIGHT OPEN DOOR TO SETTLEMENT IN WHICH GREEKS MIGHT ONCE AGAIN BE IN A POSITION TO DOMINATE TURKISH COMMUNITY ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY.

3. EDITORIAL OPINION COLUMNS IN TURKISH CYPRIOT PRESS JANUARY 29-31 TERM MAKARIOS' ACCEPTANCE OF TALKS WITH EQUAL CONDITIONS HOPEFUL SIGN; STRESS UNTRUSTWORTHINESS OF MAKARIOS, HIS ROLE IN UNDERMINING LONDON-ZURICH AGREEMENTS, AND NEED FOR CAUTION; AND URGE THAT NO CONCESSIONS BE MADE WHICH WOULD DEPRIVE COMMUNITY OF ITS RIGHTS OR SECURITY.  
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